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SUBJECT: LAW ENFORCEMENT -- INCREASING COOPERATION WITH THE
FRENCH

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Classified By: Pol/C Joseph Legend Novak, reasons 1.4 (b+d).

¶1. (C) SUMMARY: In recent meetings, French Embassy contacts have underscored their interest in an enhanced working relationship with the U.S. on transnational crime and counter-terrorism issues. Mission has already enjoyed a productive relationship with the French in terms of anti-human trafficking programs and law enforcement training, and will seek additional opportunities to engage in other areas. END SUMMARY.

¶2. (SBU) UNDERSCORING COOPERATION: French Embassy contacts are expressing increased interest in cooperation with the USG on various programs. In a December 5 meeting with French Ambassador to Indonesia Catherine Bovineau, Department of Justice ICITAP Deputy Country Manager briefed her--at her request--on an ongoing series of seminars hosted jointly by the USG and GOF for Indonesian and Malaysian officials on trafficking in persons (TIP). The first session of the TIP seminar series was held in Kuching, Malaysia. The second event occurred in Bali, Indonesia, in November (reftel). The third is scheduled for late February or early March on Batam Island, Indonesia (located approximately 20 miles from Singapore).

¶3. (SBU) The Bali and Kuching seminars trained GOI and GOM officials on ways to combat trafficking, international legal norms, and multilateral cooperation strategies. Bovineau said she was very pleased with the success of the joint USG-GOF TIP training efforts and she urged enhanced cooperation on a broader range of transnational crime issues.

¶4. (C) REQUEST REGARDING CT: On the theme of cooperation, Ambassador Bovineau noted that the French Embassy would like to increase cooperation with the USG regarding counter-terrorism. She specifically expressed interest in collaborating with the Trilateral Counterterrorism Group (U.S., Australia, Japan), which meets quarterly in Jakarta. She did not request that France formally join the group, but suggested that France receive a briefing regarding the

meetings so that it understands fully what sorts of assistance is being offered the GOI in this area. This would allow the GOF--and the Trilateral Group--to better match its assistance, she noted. Jean-Yves Roux, the French DCM, later repeated interest in this area in a conversation with Pol/C.

¶5. (SBU) FURTHER BACKGROUND: In addition to assistance in the TIP arena, Mission has successfully collaborated with the French Embassy on other assistance fronts, notably training for police, prosecutors and judges involved in the investigation and prosecution of terrorists. These programs have sought to increase coordination among GOI law enforcement agencies, teach advanced investigative techniques and improve understanding of Indonesia's 2003 Anti-Terror Law.

¶6. (SBU) Mission is awaiting receipt of approximately \$350,000 in what was originally 2006 GWOT and has now been reprogrammed as 2007 ESF funding for the Overseas Prosecutorial Development, Assistance and Training (OPDAT) program. With receipt of this funding, Mission could move forward with more activities--including with the French--in these areas.

¶7. (C) NEXT STEPS: Mission welcomes the opportunity to increase cooperation with the French. While not as active an embassy as the Australian or others, the French have a variety of law enforcement/CT programs and we look forward to better linking up with them to create synergies. Regarding the Trilateral CT Group, Mission believes that it would be a good idea to brief the French on ongoing CT programs, and will consult with partners Australia and Japan on how best to do that.

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